

Torrance, California
January 28, 1958

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, January 28, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale.
City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Danny Shoup led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Clifford Tierney of the Church of God in North Torrance opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Isen thanked Reverend Tierney for his regular attendance at these meetings during January.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held January 21, 1958, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen introduced Mr. Kurt Liepman, formerly with the Mirror-News, who is the new Managing Editor of the Torrance Press.

Mayor Isen asked Mrs. Link, who had contacted the City Manager, if she wished to speak to the Council. He explained that Mrs. Link had asked for permission for the Girl Scouts to sell cookies here at the City Hall during their annual Cookie Sale between February 11 and February 23, 1958.

Mrs. Link said they have their license to sell the cookies, and simply wish to put up a table here at the City Hall.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objection, so ordered.

Mayor Isen welcomed the group of Adult Education students who were present, being a class from the Torrance High School.

Mayor Isen understood a group was present from the Little League, and asked if they wished to be heard at this time.

At 8:05 P. M., Councilman Drale joined the meeting.

Mr. Ed Bennett, 5406 Carson St., told the Council he wished to report that the Little League has obtained another site on Henrietta Street, and will not want the site in Paradise Park which has been the subject of some controversy. He said this was the first and only site offered to them as an alternative to the site in Paradise Park.

Councilman Benstead moved the lease for the ball field in Paradise Park be withdrawn.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

AWARD OF CONTRACT:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Award of Contract for the improvement of Arlington Avenue from 190th Street to 174th Street.

A January 23, 1958, letter from John R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, submitted a summary of the bids, and a resolution

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authorizing the execution of the contract.
City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3399

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE
MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN
CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AND SHEETS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3399.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter from Oscar Maples, Inc., 1420 Cabrillo Avenue, dated January 10, 1958, requested an assignment of their interest in the Lease Agreement between the City of Torrance and Oscar Maples, Inc. covering the leasing of Police units to Commercial Credit Corp., 1315 Cravens Ave., Torrance, for units delivered after January 1, 1958. The letter was signed by Vel Miletich, President.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Attorney if he was in accord with this, and the City Attorney said yes.

Councilman Jahn moved this request be granted, and the City Attorney be authorized to proceed as may be necessary.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

2. A January 15, 1958 letter from Joseph C. Gill, District Counsel for the County Sanitation District No. 5 and South Bay Cities Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, of the office of Gordon, Knapp, Gill & Hibbert, notified the City that the 1957 amendment of the County Sanitation District Act deprives the Sanitation Districts of power to engage in local collection. The letter suggested termination of the contract they have with the City of Torrance, and gave details covering the suggestion.

In response to a question from the Mayor, City Manager Stevens said we had gone into this contract somewhat against our will, and now the law prohibits such contracts.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this suggestion for termination of our contract with them, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

3. A January 9, 1958, letter from Mrs. E. Stanch, 4029 Spencer Street, protested against an industry near her home, and other conditions on Earl Street near Spencer.

A comment from the City Manager was appended, dated January 24, 1958, and reading as follows: "There will be no more sawing. The use is permitted by zone and by prior use. It is the opinion of the City Attorney, Planning Director and Planning Commission that this use is permitted in M-1."

In reply to a question, Planning Director Powell explained that the Commission had worked with the people who had this wood storage yard near Mrs. Stanch's home, and they agreed to saw no more wood there. Mr. Powell said the Fire Marshall and he have watched the wood yard closely.

Councilman Benstead asked if there had been an agreement that no more sawing would take place there, and Mr. Powell said that was right. He said there was a wood yard there before the area annexed to the City.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Powell to write to Mrs. Stanch and tell her the use of the land is legal, and there would be no more sawing there.

Mayor Isen commented that Mrs. Stanch had complained about the conditions of the streets near her home, and asked Director of Public Works John Russell to write to Mrs. Stanch about them and tell her what has been done about that.

There were no objections, and Mrs. Stanch's letter was ordered filed.

4. A January 22, 1958, letter from Winona Ellis, Manager of the Torrance Local Office of the State of California Department of Employment, was considered next. Mrs. Ellis requested the use of the Council Chambers or other suitable quarters for referee hearings, and said this was on a temporary basis.

In reply to a question, the City Manager said the rooms formerly used for the Engineering Department in the old City Hall are available, and that perhaps a schedule could be worked out, as this is a temporary measure.

Mayor Isen thought that if there was no conflict a temporary schedule could be worked out, suggesting that if this was done they should carry insurance to hold the City free and harmless.

Councilman Drale said that if the available quarters in the old City Hall were not large enough, they might be able to use the Civic Auditorium; he said he thought they should have the quarters most convenient for them to use if at all possible.

Councilman Benstead thought it would be better to house them as near their offices as possible, and he thought that if they use any of our housing they should pay some rent and for custodial fees as other users of City property do.

Councilman Jahn moved to refer this matter to the City Manager for investigation and a report next week.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

5. A January 23, 1958, request from Master Sergeant John R. Dolly, U. S. Marine Corps, was for permission to use the vacant office space in the old City Hall for the purpose of establishing a Marine Corps Recruiting Office there.

Councilman Benstead moved this request be referred to the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered, and Sgt. Dolly was told to check with the City Manager.

City Manager Stevens told the Council that the City will need space in that building very soon, as it will probably be to our advantage to have an office there for the City Prosecutor. He said this had been discussed with the City Attorney and the Chief of Police.

6. A January 17, 1958, letter from the Inter-City Highway Committee, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California, was signed by Wilburn E. Baker, President. The letter was accompanied by a Resolution adopted by the Committee at their last regular meeting, and requested that the Council adopt a similar Resolution to procure for the Southwest area a reasonable modification of the present plans for the Marina Del Rey Small Craft Harbor.

Councilman Drale, a member of the Committee, said this Resolution seeks a clarification of the plans, and he moved to concur with their request that a similar Resolution be adopted.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion, saying he would do so only if our City Attorney draws up the Resolution for adoption by this Council.

Councilman Drale said that was the intent of his motion.

Councilman Benstead asked what our connection with this matter is.

Councilman Drale said this is connected with our interest in the San Diego Freeway.

There were no objections to the motion, and it was so ordered, with the City Attorney requested to prepare the proper Resolution.

COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BY BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. A January 17, 1958, request from Harbor Neon Company to install a double face neon sign for Faye's Half-Way House at 3101 Pacific Coast Highway, was submitted by Bldg. Supt. Schlens. A comment from Mr. Schlens was appended, and told the Council that this sign is approximately 182 sq. ft. including the vacant spaces within the perimeter and does require Council approval. The sign is partly supported by the building, but Mr. Schlens said it is partly a pole sign.

Mr. Schlens had drawings of the sign, which the Council inspected. Mayor Isen asked Mr. Schlens for a recommendation.

Mr. Schlens replied that with the various businesses which are going in there, there will be many large signs and this business may be penalized if they do not have a sign of the same area. He said the sign will comply with structural safety requirements.

Inez M. Graham, who is the owner of Faye's Half-Way House, said she is furnishing insurance, and her agent, who accompanied her, reported that she will have complete liability insurance on the whole property.

Mayor Isen asked Miss Graham about the improvements going in, and she replied that the building will conform with other improvements being put in nearby. The Palos Verdes stone work is already done, and she said the \$65,000 worth of improvements are being completed as quickly as possible. There will be a 24-hour coffee shop there, and she said she will advertise in conjunction with the El Rancho Motel next door to her.

Councilman Jahn moved the request for this sign be granted, providing the sign meets all structural laws to the satisfaction of Building Superintendent Schlens.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

2. In a January 15, 1958, letter, Mr. J. H. Barton, Vice President of the Property Management Corp., requested permission to place a 10 x 25 foot sign on a 10' strip of land adjacent to and west of Lot #1 of Tract 23149, which they are constructing in North Torrance.

Mr. Schlens had submitted a notation along with the letter, and it reported that the owner would post bond in the amount of \$500 to insure compliance with the provisions of Sign Ordinance 842.

In reply to a question, Mr. Schlens said no time limit had been stated for this sign, which will be a temporary sign used only until the tract is sold. He asked how long the Council would permit the sign to remain, saying the tract would probably be through in about a year.

Councilman Drale moved to grant permission to put up this sign and leave it up for one year, with other requirements to be complied with.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. A January 24, 1958, letter from John V. Russell, Director of Public Works, informed the Council that the lantern type traffic signal at Bishop Montgomery High School, which the Council ordered be erected during their meeting of December 30, 1957, would cost \$675.40. He requested authorization for this expenditure.

Councilman Drale moved the authorization be granted.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LEGAL DEPARTMENT:

1. The City Attorney submitted a January 20, 1958, letter from O'Melveny & Myers, 433 So. Spring Street, Los Angeles, concerning their opinion on the order and designation of candidates for the office of Mayor on the ballot for the forthcoming election. This was accompanied by their Statement for those services in the amount of \$450.00.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Attorney if he considered this charge too high, and the City Attorney replied that he did not.

Councilman Jahn said he would move to pay the charge, even though he felt it to be too high.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

2. The City Attorney presented the Council with copies of an Ordinance which he asked them to substitute for the one on the Agenda submitted with his letter of January 23, 1958. This Ordinance was submitted for study only, and concerned the establishment of a Library Board.

Mayor Isen said he had studied this and feels it does exactly what the Council wanted done. It does not name names, but sets forth the terms of the 5 members of the Board, and the Council would like for those persons now serving to continue to do so.

Councilman Jahn said the Ordinance does not provide for a Council Committee as the Airport Ordinance does.

The City Attorney said the Council could set that up by motion.

Mayor Isen felt that Councilman Blount should be Chairman of that Committee as he has been serving on the Board.

Councilman Drale objected to that portion of the Ordinance which gave the Mayor the power of appointment; he felt each member of the Council should have an appointment on each Commission or Board.

Councilman Drale moved the Ordinance be tabled until the full Council is present.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Isen asked City Clerk Bartlett to read title to the Ordinance dated January 28, 1958, which the City Attorney submitted here tonight.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 935

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ADDING A PROVISION TO CHAPTER 2
OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954"
ESTABLISHING A LIBRARY COMMISSION AND
DESIGNATING THE POWERS AND DUTIES THEREOF.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 935 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A January 22, 1958, request from the Salvation Army for renewal of their free licenses in the City was signed by Arthur L. Carl, Major, 1370 Alamitos Avenue, Long Beach.

License Inspector Whitacre reported this covered their free licenses to operate a thrift store at 1610 Cabrillo and a license to operate a pick-up and salvage truck in Torrance. He said this request had been approved by the Chief of Police, and he recommended it be granted.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Whitacre.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. License Inspector Whitacre, in a memo dated January 23, 1958, reported that R & R Pools had paid City Business License in error, Receipt #11620, on January 23, 1958. He recommended this fee be refunded to them.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. A January 24, 1958, letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of the Water Department, proposed a transfer of accounts with the Southern California Water Company to let us take over all their accounts within the city on 164th Street east of Arlington Avenue.

Mr. McVicar was present to answer any questions the Council might have.

Councilman Jahn said he would want a simple legal agreement to cover this, saying we should have a written agreement showing the full transaction.

Councilman Benstead agreed.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the request, subject to such an agreement approved by the City Attorney.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Drale asked if this would not have to be approved by the Public Utilities Commission.

Mr. McVicar said it would not. He said the pipe line in question is ours, and they have been operating there under an agreement which has expired.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. A January 16, 1958, letter from J. R. Patrick, Assist. to the City Engineer, was re-submitted; this concerned the grant of an easement to the Southern California Edison Company to construct an overhead electric line to serve the motel that is now under construction at the entrance to the Torrance Municipal Airport northerly of Pacific Coast Highway.

Councilman Jahn said the easement has been located, but that there is nothing here to say how high the poles and wires will be. If they contemplate the installation of 70' high poles and wired, he would not vote for it.

Inez Graham, proprietor of Faye's Half-Way House, said the Edison Company wants to put a 40' pole on her property.

Councilman Jahn said 40' was not so bad. He asked the City Attorney if it could be specified that these poles would not be over 40' in height.

Mayor Isen suggested holding this over for a week to see if the height of the poles cannot be agreed upon.

Councilman Benstead thought these utilities should go underground.

The City Manager said they could if we wished to pay for them. He said this power is to serve all of our frontage at Torrance Airport.

Councilman Jahn asked if the service road is in the proper location under this plan, and the City Manager said it is.

Councilman Drale suggested the motion for concurrence and preparation of the necessary Resolution be made subject to the Edison Company maintaining the 40' height for the poles and wires.

Mayor Isen wondered how much it would cost to put these utilities underground.

Councilman Jahn believed it would cost about \$3,000 to put in this 420'.

The City Manager said we will have to carry the utilities on east of this about 2,000 feet along the service road.

There being no objection, this was referred back to the City Attorney, so he could determine the height of the proposed poles.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. A January 23, 1958, letter from the Parks & Recreation Commission, signed by Robert S. Cramer, reported that the Commission had unanimously moved to grant a request from Boy Scout Troop #728 to install a Scout display in El Prado Park during Scout Week on February 15, 1958.

Mr. Herman Boodman, Scoutmaster of this Troop, told the Council the date should have been for February 8, 1958.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park & Recreation Commission that this request be granted, and with their stipulation that the Troop restore the site to its original condition.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

At 8:45 P. M. Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 8:55 P. M.

2. A January 23, 1958, letter from the Park and Recreation Commission, signed by Robert S. Cramer, Chairman, extended an invitation to the Council to meet with them and tour park and recreation facilities in the City. They suggested the meeting be held on either February 8 or 15, 1958.

Mr. Cramer was present, and came forward to discuss this with the Council.

Mayor Isen believed that February 8 would be better for him, as he plans to be out of town on February 15.

Councilman Drale said he would have to check his calendar.

Councilman Benstead said he would prefer February 8, and Councilman Jahn said he would try to keep the appointment on the 8th if that date is agreed upon.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Cramer to proceed to plan this trip for February 8, and to supply the Council with the information necessary as to where and when the group would meet. He instructed Mr. Cramer to be sure to give the information to Councilman Blount, who was absent from this meeting.

Mr. Cramer said he would go ahead with the arrangements; this will be about a 50 mile trip, he reported, and will take most of the day. He agreed to notify all the Councilmen of the place of meeting and the time set.

3. A January 23, 1958 letter from the Park & Recreation Commission was signed by Robert S. Cramer, and submitted to the Council a Resolution they had unanimously adopted at their January 22, 1958, meeting. This Resolution regretted the opposing votes at the Council meeting when two of the Commissioners were reappointed, and asked that in the future, such reappointments be voted upon only in the light of the ability and past performance of the appointees.

City Clerk Bartlett read the letter and Resolution in full at the request of Mayor Isen.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Cramer if he wanted to discuss this at all.

Mr. Cramer explained that the Commission felt these Commissioners had done a good job, giving freely of their time and effort, and that they deserved to have their reappointment unanimously approved. The Commission hopes that in such cases in the future, the Councilmen will vote on the people and their past record rather than the method of appointment or other procedure.

Councilman Benstead thought the Commission had been doing a very fine job, and moved to give them a vote of confidence.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Drale said all members of the Council are elected to participate in all activities of the Council, and they should have something to say about appointments. He did not think anyone should deny a Councilman the right to appoint a Commissioner.

Councilman Benstead said the Mayor had always made the appointments.

Councilman Drale agreed, but said it was always discussed with members of the Council.

Mayor Isen felt there has been some confusion regarding the manner of making appointments to Commissions.

Councilman Jahn suggested the discussion be confined to the motion.

Mayor Isen explained this discussion concerned the vote of confidence. He felt he should answer Councilman Drale's statements.

Mayor Isen made a statement explaining that when he made new appointments to Commissions of the City, he had made a practice of informing the Council of the name of the person he would appoint a week ahead of the appointment, feeling sure that they could investigate such persons if they wished. When a re-appointment has been made, it has been made on the strength of the past performance of the person in the job. He quoted to the Council the sources of his authority in such matters, and stated that in the case of each appointment, it had been approved by a unanimous vote, a 4 to 1 vote, or a 3 to 2 vote.

Councilman Drale said the name of J. A. Beasley, recently appointed to the Planning Commission, had not been given to the Council ahead of time.

Mayor Isen pointed out that Mr. Beasley had served on the Planning Commission before, and that this was actually a re-appointment.

Councilman Jahn had no question concerning the appointments as they have been made, saying he would vote for or against them in each case as he might think best. He said he would feel that the vote of confidence for the Park & Recreation Commission would be superfluous, as the Council would remove them if it did not have confidence in the members.

He pointed out that all members of City Commissions give freely of their time and work hard. He said he would like to include all of them in this vote of confidence.

Councilman Benstead amended his motion to include all the Commissions of the City.

Mayor Isen accepted the amendment in his second to the motion.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

In response to a question from Mayor Isen, Councilman Jahn said his vote on any appointment has never been influenced by anyone.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. A January 17, 1958 letter from Chief of Police Bennett for the Traffic Commission submitted the Commission's recommendations on a number of 'STOP' signs and 'NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS' signs.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with these recommendations of the Traffic Commission.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

2. A January 22, 1958, letter from Chief of Police Bennett for the Commission submitted their recommendations on a number of "STOP" signs, an overhanging sign reading "LEFT TURN ONLY" and "LEFT TURN OK" and "PARALLEL PARKING" signs.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the Traffic Commission.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Jahn asked that he be given concrete information as to whether or not the street in front of Torrance High School is the property of the City or of the Schools, if it is the property of the School when it became so, and by what authority it is barricaded; if this is a City-owned street and authority was given to barricade it, he asked that the date of that action be given to him; otherwise, he asked for information as to who put up the barricade and when it was done.

City Manager Stevens said he would investigate this and make a report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. A January 24, 1958, letter from George C. Powell, Planning Director, submitted to the Council a request from Louis O. Rosenthal for permission to place a trailer on an oil-well island located on the south side of Torrance Blvd., immediately east of the Torrance city boundary line. Mr. Rosenthal said the trailer would be used only as an office, and there will be no cooking, sleeping or living facilities in it at any time.

Mr. Powell's letter explained that they now maintain a clean, orderly oil-well island adjacent to the trailer court. If there is no cooking or sleeping contained therein, it will not be in violation of our Land Use Ordinance.

Councilman Jahn asked if there are usually offices on oil-well properties.

Mr. Powell said this company has several wells, and in such a case it is not unusual.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be denied.

Mr. Powell said they have stated they will request a building permit for a permanent office within this calendar year if the production of their wells warrants it.

Councilman Benstead asked if this is being put there for a pumper.

Mr. Powell said he did not know.

Councilman Jahn asked about the sanitary facilities.

Mr. Powell said this is immediately adjacent to a trailer court, and it all ties into the fact that the oil company, the Bishop Montgomery High School, and the trailer park and Edison Company are working on a plan to sewer that area.

Councilman Drale moved we give him a 90-day permit and ask him to build his office at once.

Councilman Benstead pointed out that he had a motion on the floor.

Both motions were declared dead for lack of seconds.

Councilman Jahn moved the request be granted with the following stipulations:

1. That sanitary facilities be provided;
2. That this be a 90-day license, revocable by the City upon 10 days notice if the agreements about eating and sleeping are not kept.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

2. CASE NO. 477 - VARIANCE:

A January 23, 1958, letter from George C. Powell, Planning Director, submitted to the Council Case No. 477; attached were:

1. A transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommending approval of petition of Frank Wiegele and F. Eugene Miller for a Variance on a portion of Lot 43, McDonald Tract, situated at 182nd St., west of Crenshaw, in Land Use Zone R-1 and R-2, to erect retail stores.
2. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of January 15, 1958;
3. Location sketch;
4. Letters dated January 8, 1958, from State Division of Highways.

Councilman Benstead asked Mr. Powell where the property lines on this land are.

Mr. Powell presented Exhibit A to the Council. He recalled when this was originally submitted, it had been withdrawn because of changes made necessary by State condemnation of 15' of the property along 182nd Street. At that time Councilman Drale had asked for a letter from the State saying they would not want more of this property. The letter has been received. Mr. Powell said the neighbors had been notified by letter on January 23rd of this Hearing, in case any of them wished to be present to protest, although there were never any protests against this plan.

Mayor Isen asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Mr. Powell said on the original application, there were 16 signatures of people within 300' of this property asking that this use permit be granted, as the neighbors think it will be an advantage to the community.

Councilman Jahn asked if the 3 to 1 parking ratio has been maintained, and Mr. Powell replied that it is nearly at that ratio, and it had satisfied the Planning Commission.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTIONS:

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3400

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3400.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3400.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCES:

1. A January 22, 1958, letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted to the Council for its first reading an Ordinance prohibiting

pest harborage. He reported this had been drafted at the request of the County Health Officer.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 933

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A SECTION TO CHAPTER 14 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROHIBIT PEST HARBORAGE.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 933 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

2. A January 23, 1958, letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted to the Council an ordinance regulating surf fishing, water skiing, etc., at Torrance Beach, as recommended by the Park & Recreation Commission at their meeting of January 21, and 1958, and as he was directed at the January 21, 1958, meeting of the Council.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 934

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 32 TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF SURF FISHING, WATER SKIING, POWER BOATS, AND THE USE OF SURF BOARDS, PADDLE BOARDS, KAYAKS, AND OTHER SURF OR WAVE RIDING EQUIPMENT OR DEVICES WITHIN SAID CITY.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 934 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

3. A letter from City Clerk Bartlett, dated January 24, 1958, submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 931, relating to the vacation of a portion of Date Avenue, Fern Avenue and Juniper Avenue; this had been introduced and unanimously adopted at its first reading on January 21, 1958.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 931

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF DATE AVENUE, FERN AVENUE AND JUNIPER AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 931 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

4. A letter dated January 24, 1958, from City Clerk Bartlett, submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 932, ordering the vacation of a walkway in Tract 10303. This was introduced at the Council meeting of January 21, 1958, and adopted at that time by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 932

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A CERTAIN
WALKWAY IN TRACT 10303, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 932 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of February 2-8, 1958, as Chamber of Commerce week in the City, and requested that proper recognition be made by all citizens.

Mayor Isen commended the Manager of our Chamber of Commerce upon the fine job he is doing, saying this was the feeling of the entire Council.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens reported that our grading improvement at the Airport is completed, and he thought it time we got some leases there and some money coming in so we can put in the utilities. The City Manager suggested the City Council meet with the Airport Commission next Monday at 7:00 P. M. in his office.

After some discussion, it was agreed that it would be better for the Councilmen to set the hour of this meeting at 5:00 P. M.

Mayor Isen directed the City Manager to remind the Councilmen of this appointment at 5:00 P. M. Monday, February 3, 1958, in his office, and to notify Councilman Blount of the appointment.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if Mr. Wilson is still interested in a lease at the Airport; the City Manager replied he would check and report on this.

The City Manager reported that the West Basin Water Association and Mr. McVicar would like to meet with the Council to discuss the water replenishment program. He asked if the Councilmen could make this a luncheon appointment on Thursday, February 6.

Mayor Isen asked if this could not be handled at a pre-Council meeting.

The City Manager said this would take quite a bit of time, and asked if the Council would prefer another time.

Mayor Isen suggested that the Council set a time and date for this

meeting next week at the Council meeting, when they have had a chance to check their calendars.

The City Manager said he would remind them of this.

Councilman Benstead commented that Mr. Ortega, who had been No. 2 on the list of eligibles, had been appointed to a better job at the second salary step; he asked what had been done about the man who was No. 1 on the list.

The City Manager did not know, but said he would find out and give Mr. Benstead that information.

Councilman Drale said the Street Dept. has removed some dirt from the south side of Torrance Boulevard west of Bishop Montgomery High School to provide walkways. This needs some sort of paving. He said it would cost about \$260 for 1,000 feet of black top along there for a temporary walkway, and he moved the Street Dept. be authorized to go ahead with some kind of temporary walkway west of the school on Torrance Boulevard.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Jahn said some time ago we passed Resolutions which were sent on to the Public Utility Commission protesting against the rate increase given the telephone company and a rate increase requested by another telephone company. A representative of the Commission had called on Councilman Jahn, and had said he would call on the City Attorney. Councilman Jahn asked Mr. Remelmeyer if this man had been to see him.

The City Attorney said that he did not recall such a visitor.

Councilman Jahn said the man had told him that the Public Utility Commission investigates cases such as this, and often has evidence on hand which would support protests, but they cannot use it unless it is brought out by someone appearing before them, as they are in the position of judging each case. The man had said such evidence could be brought out by protestants in some instances.

The City Attorney felt that in this case we were too late to effectively oppose the rate increase, as an interim increase was given. He explained the duty of the lawyer in such a case, and his reasons for thinking it was too late. He said he would be glad to make such an attempt if Councilman Jahn requested it.

Councilman Jahn said he would like to see us oppose this. As he understood this man, they have facts but cannot use them unless they are brought out in testimony. He said he would like to see our City represented there.

The City Attorney said he would investigate this and do what he can.

Mayor Isen said he had received several letters from people asking that action be taken to regulate the keeping of cats in the City, and is getting many calls about them. He hoped something constructive could be done soon.

The City Attorney reported he has gathered a great deal of information on this problem, and believed he would have something here within a couple of weeks.

Mayor Isen asked if the City Attorney would give the Council a report on his investigations next week.

Mayor Isen discussed with the City Attorney whether the State law would prevail if a City Ordinance was in conflict with it.

The City Attorney said he has attended to the matter in question, and he did not believe it would conflict with the State.

Mayor Isen said the matter under discussion was our 'Rabies' ordinance; the State law is much more stringent, and ours must comply. There were no objections, and the City Attorney was

instructed to do whatever might be necessary to be sure that our Ordinance does comply with the State law.

Councilman Jahn had expected the agreement on the termination of the Collins-Dietrich Airport management contract to be on the Agenda, and asked why it was not.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said a meeting has been set up for tomorrow to discuss the last point or two of difference; because of time, it had not been possible to accomplish this for the Agenda. He believed it would be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P. M.



A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of
Torrance, California

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance